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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

KENNETH L. SCHROEDER,

Defendant.

No. C 07 3798 JW

**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF
SHIRLI FABBRI WEISS IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION TO DISMISS
(Supplement to Declaration Filed on
February 1, 2008)**

Date: March 24, 2008
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Courtroom: 8
Judge: Hon. James Ware

1 I, Shirli Fabbri Weiss, declare as follows:

2 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of California and am admitted
3 to practice before this honorable Court. I am lead counsel representing Defendant Kenneth L.
4 Schroeder ("Schroeder") in this case. I have first hand knowledge of the events testified to in this
5 declaration.

6 2. In its opposition memorandum as well as in the Declaration of Susan LaMarca, the
7 SEC spends considerable time scolding the defense for not pursuing the strategy that the SEC
8 apparently has concluded is the defense's appropriate or "promised" strategy, and in suggesting
9 that the defense has somehow behaved inappropriately with regard to the filing of this Motion.
10 There were no "promises" made to the SEC and there is no basis for the SEC's innuendo of any
11 improper conduct on the part of Schroeder's counsel. Nonetheless, since the SEC makes an issue
12 of the events leading to Schroeder's filing of the Motion to Dismiss and urges erroneous
13 inferences on the Court, what follows is a summary of events leading to the filing of the Motion
14 to Dismiss.

15 **Pertinent Events Leading to the Filing of the Motion to Dismiss; The January 29,**
16 **2008 Discovery Conference Before Magistrate Judge Howard Lloyd; the February 12**
17 **Hearing on KLA and the KLA Witnesses' the Motions for Protective Order; Response to**
18 **Statements Made in the Declaration of Ms. LaMarca Filed in Opposition to the Motion to**
19 **Dismiss.**

20 3. Shortly after the parties to this litigation were permitted to commence discovery,
21 on October 19, 2007, Schroeder served document subpoenas on KLA-Tencor Corporation
22 ('KLA'). KLA served Objections and Responses on November 8, 2007 and Amended and
23 Supplemental Objections and Responses on December 14, 2007. Copies of the Subpoenas and
24 the Amended and Supplemental Objections and Responses are attached hereto as Exhibits 17 and
25 18, respectively (the Exhibit numbers continue from the Exhibits identified and attached to my
26 Declaration dated February 1, 2008 submitted in support of the Motion to Dismiss). KLA
27 pervasively asserted the attorney-client privilege and work product protection as the bases for
28 withholding numerous documents relevant to the claims and defenses in the case. Several meet

1 and confer conferences with counsel for KLA failed to resolve any privilege issues.

2 4. On November 12, 2007, Schroeder served subpoenas for documents on counsel to
3 KLA's Special Committee, the law firm of Skadden Arps Slate, Meagher & Flom ("Skadden")
4 (and on individual attorneys who had attended witness interviews in KLA's Special Committee
5 options investigation). Skadden served Responses and Objections on behalf of the firm on
6 December 10, 2007. Copies of the Subpoena to Skadden and its Responses and Objections are
7 attached as Exhibits 11 and 12 to my February 1, 2008 Declaration filed in this motion. Skadden
8 pervasively asserted the attorney-client privilege and work product protection as the bases for
9 withholding documents relevant to the claims and defenses in the case. Several exchanges of
10 correspondence and meet and confer conferences with counsel for Skadden failed to resolve any
11 privilege issues.

12 5. On November 1, 2007, the SEC served a notice of the deposition of Elizabeth
13 Harlan, a Skadden associate for an early December 2007 deposition and Schroeder thereafter
14 cross-noticed Ms. Harlan's deposition for the same day. Ms. Harlan was one of the associates at
15 Skadden who took notes at some of the witness interviews conducted by KLA's Special
16 Committee, including the interview of Schroeder. Schroeder's counsel intended to question Ms.
17 Harlan about her original interview notes and the later versions of interview memoranda (which
18 KLA had turned over to the SEC but not to Schroeder) with respect to all of the interviews she
19 attended. However, in correspondence, Skadden made clear that privilege objections would be
20 asserted to many of the questions that were likely to be posed to Ms. Harlan and Skadden refused
21 to produce Ms. Harlan's original notes of interviews conducted by the Special Committee.
22 Accordingly, rather than take her deposition, we endeavored to get a clear statement from
23 Skadden of its position. The decision to put off Ms. Harlan's deposition was mutually arrived at
24 among counsel for the SEC, Mr. Schroeder and Skadden. If the deposition had gone forward, it
25 would not have been completed because of privilege issues.

26 7. Following the defense's receipt of the responses to subpoenas served on KLA,
27 Skadden, and the Skadden attorneys and our inability to resolve privilege issues through a meet
28 and confer process, the defense intended to bring a Motion to Compel Discovery, and I so advised

1 the SEC, Skadden and KLA.

2 8. Schroeder also had noticed the deposition of the former General Counsel of KLA,
3 Stuart Nichols, for Sunday, January 27, 2008 (Mr. Nichols specifically requested a weekend day
4 for his deposition and both the SEC and Schroeder agreed to accommodate him). The defense
5 considered trying to get a statement of KLA's position regarding privilege in lieu of Mr. Nichols'
6 deposition but in discussions with Mr. John Hemann, counsel for KLA, it seemed to me that he
7 equivocated on KLA's position and that trying to get a clear statement of KLA's position would
8 be a lengthy process (as had been the process with Skadden), so we decided to go ahead with the
9 deposition and in fact, we believe that at the deposition, as shown in the transcript to the
10 deposition, Exhibit 9 to my Declaration filed on February 1, 2008 in this motion, Mr. Hemann set
11 forth KLA's position regarding privilege.

12 9. The defense also noticed the depositions of other witnesses to statements of
13 Nichols and Schroeder and of Berry, all necessary to the defense of Schroeder, including the
14 depositions of KLA's former Chief Financial Officer John Kispert, its Vice President of Finance,
15 Maureen Lamb and the former Chairman of the Board and a former CEO, Kenneth Levy.

16 10. In light of the defense's intention to bring a motion to compel discovery, on
17 January 29, 2008 at the discovery conference conducted before Magistrate Judge Lloyd, I
18 requested permission to combine briefs in support of separate motions we intended to file against
19 KLA and Skadden who separately had asserted privileges in response to document and deposition
20 subpoenas. As the defense team was completing the motion and I was personally reviewing the
21 cases, I was offered authority demonstrating that Mr. Schroeder had a Constitutional Due Process
22 right to defend the action unfettered and that it was not his burden to spend months and months
23 litigating privilege, but rather the SEC's burden resolve those issues if it brought a case that so
24 clearly implicated privileged communications.

25 11. I then consulted with my colleague at DLA Piper, Stan Panikowski, former clerk
26 to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who has strong expertise in Constitutional Law and
27 fundamental fairness principles implicated by Constitutional Law and the defense team then
28 determined in good faith to bring the Motion to Dismiss instead of a Motion to Compel

1 Discovery. There was no nefarious purpose or delay involved. Once the decision was made we
2 worked virtually non-stop to complete the Motion to Dismiss which we then filed on February 1,
3 2008 shortly after the deposition of former General Counsel Stuart Nichols, whose deposition I
4 had believed was necessary foundation to the motion to compel (and also the motion to dismiss).
5 We obtained March 24, 2008 as the earliest date for hearing on the Motion to Dismiss, available
6 on this court's calendar (which allowed the SEC additional time to respond over and above that
7 prescribed by the Rules). We had cleared the hearing date ahead of time with the SEC. We did
8 not attempt to meet and confer regarding the Motion to Dismiss. In response to Ms. LaMarca's
9 statement in her declaration regarding the SEC's view that we should have asked to meet and
10 confer with it prior to filing a motion to dismiss, I am not aware of any rule that requires such a
11 conference for such a motion. Contrary to Ms. LaMarca's characterization, the Motion to
12 Dismiss is not a discovery motion.

13 12. Following Mr. Nichols' deposition (where he was instructed not to answer almost
14 every question based on privilege), and the February 1, 2008 filing of Schroeder's Motion to
15 Dismiss, on February 6, 2008, KLA and some of the KLA witnesses whose depositions we had
16 noticed and Skadden filed Motions for Protective Orders to stay discovery entirely against the
17 current and former employees of KLA and the attorneys representing the Special Committee (we
18 had previously agreed to KLA's motion for an order shortening time so that KLA's Motion for a
19 Protective Order could be heard). We opposed the motion on behalf of Schroeder. At the
20 February 12, 2008 hearing on the Motions for Protective Order before Magistrate Judge Lloyd,
21 the SEC complained about Schroeder's change of strategy from filing a motion to compel
22 discovery to filing a motion to dismiss the Complaint. The court acknowledged in its opinion,
23 however, that Schroeder was free to pursue the course he elected in the case. See Order Granting
24 KLA-Tencor's Motion for A Protective Order, attached hereto as Exhibit 19, p. 4. The court
25 declined to stay discovery entirely, but, granting KLA's Motion in part,¹ ruled that the depositions
26 of witnesses implicating privilege could not be taken until privilege issues were resolved.

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28 ¹ The Court did not rule on Skadden's motion as it was filed untimely.

1 13. In a telephone conference call attended by counsel for the SEC and Counsel for
2 KLA and myself and Mr. David Priebe of our office, conducted during the time we were awaiting
3 Magistrate Judge Lloyd's ruling on KLA's Motion for a Protective Order, I asked KLA's counsel,
4 John Hemann if a hearing on privilege issues before Magistrate Judge Lloyd would have resolved
5 the privilege issues if KLA had lost. He responded: "only if Magistrate Judge Lloyd is the
6 Supreme Court." This indicated to me that KLA would appeal an adverse ruling on privilege and
7 that litigation of the privilege issues in this case would likely be lengthy and burdensome.

8 14. In short, there was no bad faith and no unnecessary delay in the defense's election
9 of which motion to pursue in the case as a result of KLA's and Skadden's assertion of privilege.
10 We indicated our prior intention to file a Motion to Compel Discovery to the SEC and to
11 Magistrate Judge Lloyd which was true at the time, but we certainly did not promise the SEC
12 anything. The Motion to Dismiss was filed in good faith and is based on the strong belief of the
13 defense lawyers that the case should be dismissed.

14 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is
15 true and correct and that this declaration was signed in San Diego California on the date set forth
16 below.

17 Executed on March 10, 2008.

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20 Shirli Fabbri Weiss

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22 I hereby attest that I have on file all holographic signatures for any signatures indicated by
23 a "conformed" signature (/S/) within this e-filed document.

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